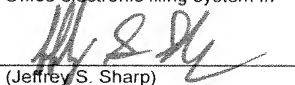


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SECOND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 26, 2008 in which the Examiner has required restriction between three groups:

Group I: claim 1-17 and 22-28, drawn to a method for construction of randomized gene libraries;

Group II: claims 18 and 19, drawn to the use of a *K. lactis* killer toxin; and

Group III: claims 20, 21, 29 and 30, drawn to a vector and host cell.

Applicants hereby elect prosecution of Group I (claims 1-17 and 22-28) for prosecution without traverse.

Applicant also submits a second preliminary amendment which is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.